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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTRICTION UNDER 35 USC §121

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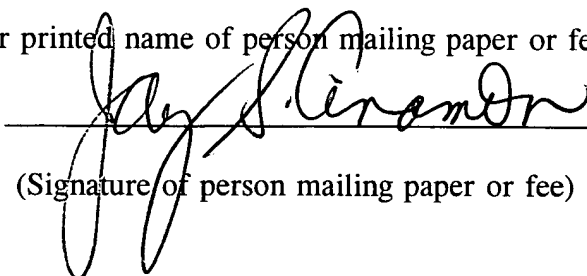
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PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136(a)

We request the response term be extended 1 month from September 29, 2001 to October 29, 2001. We enclose the requisite fee of \$110.00. Charge any deficiency or other fees to Deposit Account No. 01-0035.

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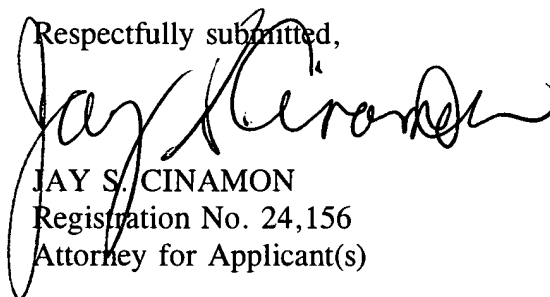
**REMARKS**

Pursuant to the Examiner's Requirement for Restriction of August 29, 2001, under the provisions of 35 USC §121, applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims in Group II, namely, claims 5-21.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the claims in Group I.

Please charge any fees which may be due herein to our deposit account No. 01-0035.

Respectfully submitted,



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